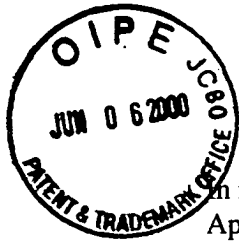


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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION

1. Attached hereto is a copy of page 1 of an Office Action (PTOL-326) that was mailed on April 26, 2000.

A reference cited in the office action ("Sand, '407) was not included with the office action, was not previously cited in a PTO-1449 or PTO-892 and appears to be incorrect.

2. Therefore, per MPEP § 706.07(b), 707.05(g) and 710.06 it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the office action, provide a corrected office action with the correct reference and the complete U.S. Patent Number and that the period allowed for response be restarted.

Respectfully submitted,

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